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August 2021 Newsletter

Comments from our President – Robert White

The annual *Elvis Week* celebration in Memphis was well underway as eighty-one USA Dance members and their guests arrived this month at Advent Presbyterian Church's Life Center for an evening of dancing fun. Our theme for this month's event, *Back To The 50s,* reflected the occasion with snazzy retro décor featuring original album covers from Elvis' hits. There were plenty of 50's tunes including of course Elvis, and the other recording *Greats* of the time.

The August heat was tempered by *Scoops Ice Cream Bar* that served generous portions of their excellent product along with an amazing array of toppings for everyone's enjoyment. This was a special treat arranged for and donated by the Chapter's Vice President, Sylvia Rose. Of special note, four new members joined our USA Dance Chapter at this month's dance!

Everyone was treated to showcases by Arman Sahakyan, one of our area's independent instructors, and two of his students. Both the Standard Waltz to the song *Teacher of Violin* with Arman and Cathy Liao and the Argentine Tango to the song *Red Tango* with Arman and Xiaoyan Zhu were outstanding examples of ballroom dancing. In addition to the precision and artistry of the dance patterns, the unique costumes for these showcases were designed by Arman. Check them out in the montage of showcase photos that follow.

Dance Photos - August Dance

'Back to the 50s' a slow Waltz

Arman Sahakyan pro.
Independent Dance Instructor
and student **Cathy Liao** showcase a
Standard Waltz to: "Teacher of Dance"

Photos/Art Sylvia Rose

USA Dance Greater Memphis chap. 2012 ~ August 14, 2021

Argentine
tango

Photos /Art
Sylvia Rose

ARMAN SAHAKYAN professional, Independent Instructor
with student **Xiaoyan Zhu**, Showcase an exotic 'Stage Tango' for guests as you would see in Buenos Aires to: "Red Tango"

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RESTROOMS
For GOD so loved ... that he gave his one and

The Samba Line Dancers in Action

RESERVED
Village at Germantown

Yea, it's way up there!
GREEN ROOM
ELVIS
BLUE
ELVIS PRESLEY
KING CREOLE
ELV1S
RESERVED
Arman Sahakyan

For GOD so l
"#1 book of the year"
LAST TRAIN to MEMPHIS
THE RISE OF ELVIS PRESLEY
Peter Guralnick

Where do they tell us what time they plan to serve the ice cream?

OK!...but what time will the ice cream start?

I heard a rumor that they really don't have any ice cream here!

RCA Victor
PRESENTS
14 GREAT SONGS
SEE
ELVIS
BLUE HAWAII

I'm beginning to wonder why
we haven't seen any
ice cream yet.

erish but have eternal life.

Just waiting for the ice cream to be served!

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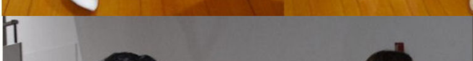
Elvis' Golden Records



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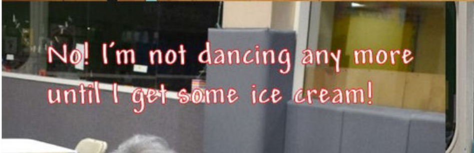
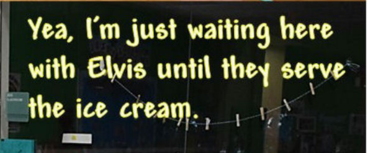

No! I'm not dancing any more until I get some ice cream!


Yea, I'm just waiting here with Elvis until they serve the ice cream.

Elvis Presley
King Creole

USA Dance - Greater Memphis Chapter, would like to welcome as new Chapter members: **Carolyn Buoni, Stephanie Allen, Dan Walters, William H. Maclin, and Ginny Jeffrey** and acknowledge the following who have renewed their membership recently: **Suzan LaVoy, Robert White, and Marilyn White.** Our members are the strength of our chapter, and we appreciate each and every one.

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Greater Memphis Chapter 2012

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You may also join USA Dance on the Second Saturday of each month at any of our monthly dances.

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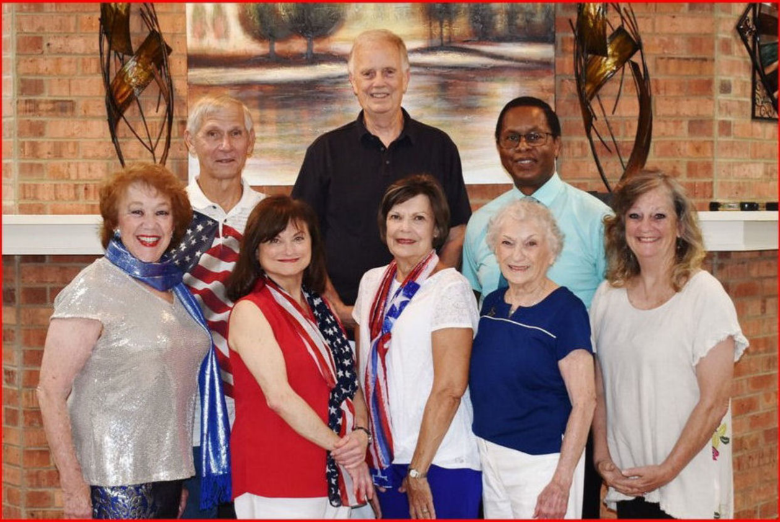
Normally we publish your Board of Directors in our January newsletter, following the election and as the Board is seated for the new year. As we all are aware, nothing has been normal lately. Finally, we were able to get all the members you elected together in one place for a group Photo to publish – see below.

USA Dance Board of Directors - 2021



Leo Koulogianes Robert White Larry Moore

Jane Hester Pam Vaughn Gail Mays Sylvia Rose Dena Richardson

Glenn Darrel Garner

Glenn Garner
S.Rose Photo

We were all saddened by the recent passing of Glenn Darrel Garner. He was a long time USA Dance member who was regularly seen not only at our dance events but also at senior centers and many other area dances. Glenn, a student of long-time Instructor Joseph Rukendorfer, was an excellent dancer. He was an absolute joy to be around, always upbeat, and cheerful as he moved among the group searching for a partner for the dance style that was playing. We were all aware of Glenn's passion for Ballroom dancing, but he was equally involved with the Memphis Tigers at the University of Memphis where he earned his Electrical Engineering degree. He will be missed by his son David, his parents, siblings, and the rest of the large extended family he loved. Glenn will also be missed by all his dance family as well.

Tid Bits & Entertainment

A BIG THANKS TO Arman Sahakyan pro., Independent Instructor for entertaining at the August, "Back to the 50's" dance. Arman and student Cathy Liao performed a Standard Waltz to "Teacher of Violin" AND Arman danced a "Stage Show" Argentine Tango with student Xiaoyan Zhu to "Red Tango".

Please check out the videos on OUR FB PAGE; USA Dance Greater Memphis Area chp. 2012 and FB group, Memphis Area Ballroom Dance. Mr. Arman designed both costumes for each showcase. WOW!

"HARVEST THE FUN"

Dance till the cows come home…Sept.11,2021

WE WELCOME FROM TUPELO MISSISSIPPI ~

SHOWCASES *to be* performed by: ***Charlise Latour***, amateur and ***Andrew Davis,*** pro with the Tupelo Ballroom Dance Club. *ALSO* from the Dance Studio of Tupelo; Professionals,

Andrew Davis **and** ***Sara Wood.*** ~ 'Dancing with the King" and "Dancing like the Stars" are charities supported by both organizations for Tupelo and the surrounding area.

USA DANCE Membership forms are available at our Dance in SEPT.

See you on the LOD, Sylvia Rose

The Dog Days of Summer were upon us as the sun set in the sky,
and Tim floated the tempos across the floor and the time sailed by.
Our dance fun is always short...and too much to subside,
for our joy of Mambo, Waltz, and Rumba we cannot hide.
Though the August air is sultry and the mosquitoes bold,
the USA Dance crowd prefer this time together to the winter's cold.
For every dancer's break-time delight,
all were treated to Scoops Ice Cream Bar on this night.
As the evening ends and this group of friends bid au revoir,
all wish for our next time together when dancing is again not far.